Development (NABARD) and Sponsor Banks and the same will be notified inconsultation with the Ministry of Law. Other matters referred to Government/ NABARD regarding staff benefits involving financial commitments require examination on an ongoing basis having regard to the programme of restructuring of RRBs.

Messengers regularised in Regional Rural Banks

3291. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Rural Banks have regularised all the messengers as per order issued by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development on 20th March, 1993;

(b) what are the criteria for regularising the messengers with full pay;

(c) what is the number of regular full pay, regular part-time and daily wage messengers (not regular) RRB wise; and

(d) whether Alaknanda Grameena Bank has regularised messengers with full pay; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY) (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that the information whether all the 196 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) have regularised messengers as per NABARD instructions issued on 20th March, 1993, is not immediately available with NABARD.

(b) As per NABARD's instructions, the sub-staff including messengers who were working on 22-2-1991 and completed 240 days of continuous service on that date should be treated as regular employees w.e.f. 22nd February, 1991.

(c) The information is not readily available with NABARD. It will be collected and laid on the table of the House to be extent available.

(d) It is reported that at present Alaknanda Gramin Bank has 52 regular messengers which includes 3 on full time and 49 on part-time basis depending upon the business/parameters/work hours.

Committee constituted to consider the issue of Regional Rural Banks

3292. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether Government have constituted any Committee at the apex level to consider the Rural Bank staff issue under the Chairmanship of Shri K. Basu, General Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development; if so, what are the areas to be considered by this Committee and when it will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has been advised to constitute a Committee, for examining the issues relating to anomalies arising out of implementation of National Industrial Tribunal (NIT) Award with regard to pay scales and other matters pertaining to the Regional Rural Banks Employees. NABARD is yet to constitute a Committee.

Dharna conducted by Regional Rural Bank Employees Association

3293. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the representative Dharna conducted by All India Regional Rural Bank Employees' Association before Banking Division, New Delhi on 14th Feb. 1995;

(b) whether the representative met both Special Secretary and Joint Secretary alongwith the Memorandum on that date; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government on the issues referred by them?